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Posted by Gibor_Kaari - 29 Apr 2020 23:14

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Re: The Struggle

Posted by Ihavestrength - 30 Apr 2020 03:45

Nice post dude. I think you bring up a lot of good points.

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Posted by wilnevergiveup - 30 Apr 2020 05:44

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Healthy relationships before marriage are really important in this struggle as well as for marriage.

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Posted by Gibor_Kaari - 30 Apr 2020 05:52

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Re: The Struggle

Posted by Singularity - 30 Apr 2020 06:18

Welcome, Mr G.

I feel for you, and your predicament was (I guess still is if I stuff this up) my biggest fear. My biggest fear is being alone. Ok maybe one of my big fears. And it's so painful and hurting and it sucks and I know a few guys in my community and they're wonderful and have lots of money and still aren't married and I don't even know what to say in front of them. Thanks for your post, it reminds me of my own gifts.

So reading your post, all I could hear was *that* pain. Regardless of porn and masturbation and struggles, everything underlying that was just because you don't have your *bashert* and it's frustrating. And I know for me that when I start to dissect the Torah to find how the minhagim have been distorted throughout time and we can't just go pay for girls (haha) these days, this investigation is all just fuelled by some underlying frustration and I'm trying to make sense of it all, bringing any scapegoat I can find.

Also, the point of "would we go to war on eating / drinking"?, well

- How about the desire to eat treif was as powerful as the desire to lust out? I'm sure there'd be some sort of website etc. It's a gift we have good enough substitutes for food!!
- And if the eating takes on a dark, spiritual force that is there to cure emotional behaviours, loneliness etc, then yes, and there's a whole fellowship about it.

Only hatzlocha with finding your zivvug. I am sure you are pulling out all stops and all avenues to work on that and your hishtadlus won't be unanswered!!!

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Posted by Gibor_Kaari - 30 Apr 2020 06:36

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Re: The Struggle

Posted by littlebylittle - 30 Apr 2020 10:31

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Hi Thank you for your comments.

As I have indicated that what I'm saying is not the solution for everybody, but for those that have similar concerns and issues such as been single, not been able to channel the sexual desires

that one has in a productive and normal way, that is with a wife.

I think that there is a misconception that we all have. We tend to believe that we watch porn and masturbate because there is something inherently wrong with us and that needs therapy. I have explained that there is nothing wrong with us. The body at a certain age awakens and it has its desires, exactly the same way one has a desire to eat and drink. These are called bodily desires or needs. So we don't masturbate because there is something wrong with us, we do it because we have a certain bodily desire that needs to be tended to.

The premise is that this is a terrible addiction that needs a cure. Its not an addiction. Unless one wants to suggest the ludicrous notion that eating and drinking 3 times a day is an addiction. If its not an addiction then what it is?

Simply put, no one has asked this when they were born. It is something that is inherent within us human beings. When one does not have an outlet of how to express these great bodily and emotional needs of sexuality then they turn to porn and masturbation in order to release the tension and urge. It is not done with the thought of angering God. No one religious sits next to a computer and says to God: 'You know what? I am going to watch porn and masturbate because I want to make you angry'. This never happens with normative orthodox individuals.

?So why are we doing it? because we are single, and when you're single you don't have anyone to share your sexuality with. This in turn turns into loneliness, frustration, bitterness and anger, all the ingredients that culminate with the end result of porn and masturbation.

One may ask then why those who are married still watch porn and masturbate? there can be many factors. I personally believe that the current Jewish lifestyle is engulfed with extreme stress and many expectations. The regular orthodox family produces between 5 to 10 children on average. Many of these young couples are not able to cope with the hardships of running such a costly and daunting project, the modern day Jewish household.

They are not happy with their lot. They want to be more stringent Beth Hillel and Beth Shamai who both say depending on their opinion that a man has done his duty in performing the commandment of been fruitful by producing a boy and a girl (Hillel) or 2 boys and 2 girls (Shami) we Pasken according to Hillel. At any rate, these young couples generically and specifically create unnecessary burdens and difficulties for themselves. The wife is constantly tending the

children, she really has no time for herself, to take care of herself and be presentable to the husband. many at times a husband comes home and all he sees is a gigantic mess of youngsters turning the entire house around while the mother is so tired and broken up by the end of the day, it is any wonder that she has any more strength left to create spark for her husband?

?Then you have the man, the husband, who comes home from work, or from Kollel. Beaten down by the many tasks and duties that he has generically introduced himself to. Besides getting up in the morning to go to Shul, he has to run to the grocery, buy baby food, diapers, and million other things, he goes to work tired, comes tired, and he too does not look as the sexiest man alive that's an understatement.

Today's young Jewish adults, are trained to live a certain lifestyle that is out of touch with reality. Our Sages of antiquity certainly didn't have this kind of life style that saps the energy out of the couple. A young couple of 5 to 10 children are behaving like grandparents by their mid 30's.

With all this stress, duties, and endless errands, is it any wonder, that the couple is left with a very little room just for themselves? Couples believe that they get married and that's it, they believe that marriage shouldn't be nurtured. The truth is, that the couple has to be ready and willing to excite each other and make themselves rejuvenate as frequently as possible.

When the wife has that time of the month, the couple has to have strong, deep and meaningful conversations, of how much they care about each other, how much they love each other. When was the last time any married couple had looked each other in the eyes and told them how much they love each other? and how much they mean to each other and that they couldn't imagine themselves without them? Probably next to nothing.

Is it then any wonder, why the couple though seem physically close under the same roof, to be instead emotionally detached. When there is no connection and real meaningful relationship that is the root of all the problems, and then comes the snake waiting on the sidelines holding porn on the one hand and masturbation on the other. Two worthless and meaningless pursuits to forget about the pain of disconnection and loneliness.

I believe that couples suppose to set normal and achievable goals for themselves. Do what you can, enough with the so called 'Mesirut Nefesh' that has caused you your marriage, your sex life, and caused you to become a burden on everyone you know.

It is important to be happy with your lot. Bring as many children to the world that you know you can handle both financially and emotionally. So that you may have time to spend with your spouse.

So I would say that a lot of this has to do with the lifestyle.

To conclude my solution for single man is: A wife.

The solution for married man is : To appreciate the gift that God has bestowed upon you, make your lifestyle the style that you can really carry so you won't break down under the load. And most importantly, both the husband and the wife should be madly in love with each other. You want to hear what is real love? how about taking a look at Shir Hashirim.

The underlining thing for both of this solutions is to stop thinking that there is something wrong with you and that you are crazy or addicted. Its absolutely not that. As I have indicated, the problems are not too complicated. Some in the powers to be would make you think that they are complicated they are not. Instead of pushing a wagon up the mountain with an old donkey that is ready to expire, you should get off that band wagon, be a man and start climbing the mountain all by yourself and let go of that band wagon of nonsensical thinking, worthless lifestyle of unachievable expectations and dreams of rewards in the world to come for your '?????? ????'. Don't think about living in hell now and getting heaven later.

I have a better solution: How about living in Gan Eden right now and also working on getting a gan eden later on?

Why one thinks that he needs to live in Gehenom in order to merit Gan eden?

This false equation needs to be destroyed.

God wants us all to be happy and its time that we all try to make our lives better. Counting days and nights of how many times you have not watched porn and masturbated will get us nowhere. What we need is a spiritual and physical awakening that clears our minds to let us see what are the true causes of our problems.

Regards,

Beautiful just to reconfirm if you want a meaningful relationship with your wife then its impossible with the 'snake' as well. If you can do this before marriage then you will be making married life A LOT easier you will build yourself up as a true yeras shamayim and when tou go out on a shidduch you will be able to analyze the true neshama infront of you. If your married then it will take time giving up on the snake a year atleast until you see some sort of result but you will feel great that your not a slave to lust and your marriage will only get stronger. Dont give in to social pressure and do whats good for you (with the advise of a Rabbi of course)

the grass is never greener on the other side... its only the snake trying to make you sad to fall to his 'tests' .We are temporary we wont live forever we might even come back (hopefilly not) surely we would want to live better lives the next time? So lets do the right thing now!!! It starts now!! The days turn to weeks and weeks turn to months and the months turn to years!! Yes it can be done and you CAN live a lust free life.

I am sorry i may have gone off topic but finally what about young couples and pressure learning in kollel and the wife working? What about Rebbes advising girls that guys should be learning atleast 5 years after marriage? This is society same thing how society looks at where you live and what car you drive and you are judged by how much money you have.

Is this our religion? Or is this what our religion has become?

(i am sorry i didnt mean to rant or takeover the thread)

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Re: The Struggle

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 30 Apr 2020 12:43

Hey @Gibor_kaari, If I keep quoting you, this thread will end up in China.

You are making very good points and I get what your saying (don't agree with everything but I do get it).

100% correct, sexual desire is a need much like food and drink, there is nothing wrong with feeling desire and I don't think you will find anyone here that disagrees.

For married men (the *hamoin am* struggling) it's rooted mostly in selfishness. That's the reality and that is the first thing that needs to change.

Of course we all say we will be different, so if we want to actually be, then we have to make sure that the common issues are resolved.

Basically what I am saying is, with all that we are going through let us not forget about the issues that most of us are dealing with. Everyone is different and none of this may apply in your case but it does apply for the majority of us,so just keep an eye open.

For most of us, "counting clean nights" do help and making goals do help. GYE has a lot to offer, not a full solution though, that only we can do.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Share with us a little bit about what you are going through. Look around, there are a lot of good stuff on this site. Take some time to go through some of the shiurim and articles.

You seem like a really thoughtful and engaging person. Can't wait to hear your thoughts.

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Re: The Struggle

Posted by AlexEliezer - 30 Apr 2020 18:47

[Gibor Kaari wrote on 29 Apr 2020 23:14:](#)

Hello Dear Brothers In Arm,

...All these disappointments have led me to believe that this war is really not winnable and I'll explain myself.

...Therefore if a man can't find a wife, something that is the most natural thing and used to be as easy as buying an icecream, what can he do and not sin in this world that is engulfed in profanity and recklessness?

One needs to understand that the urge to be fruitful and multiply is a natural urge that God had given us. It is part of who we are, very similar to the urge of eating and drinking....Why then are we been told to go to war against porn and masturbation?These are bodily desires that are waiting to be used in the right context. Porn is only there to make the practice of masturbation somewhat interesting, take that away and masturbation itself goes away, but it can't go away.

...Instead of setting unrealistic goals....

I'm talking about those, that are doing it because they are not married, and feel lonely, and frustrated....But counting days and nights of not masturbating or watching porn does absolutely nothing for the fixing of this problem in a real and meaningful long lasting way.

...Hashem wanted to test the Jewish People.

...who exactly do we think we are today that we can say to ourselves that I will not fall, that I will not sin? its a lost cause.

We should concentrate on battles that we can win, not on battles that we can't win.

...Don't get me wrong, I am in no way justifying masturbation and watching porn, on the contrary I truly want to get rid of these two unproductive and negative phenomenons.

Welcome GK and thanks for posting. That must have been difficult to put down into words.

Your pain of being single comes through loud and clear.

There is also a helping of bitterness directed at the Jewish community at large. I agree that Klal Yisroel has plenty of work to do when it comes to accepting *bnei Torah* who are different that what we are used to. We can each do our part.

I am also hearing, loud and clear, that being single is a blank check to look at *dvarim assurim* and masturbate at will. -- The Creator, who knows exactly what our desires and capabilities are, because He made us with them, didn't know what He was doing when He told us, in his Torah (*shebiksav and shel baal peh*) not to look inappropriately at women and not to have sex with ourselves.

Then you state that you really want to stop.

As long as a person is confused about his stance, he hasn't really started anything.

I wish you clarity as a first step.

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Posted by Gibor_Kaari - 30 Apr 2020 19:10

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Re: The Struggle

Posted by AlexEliezer - 30 Apr 2020 19:42

This is a forum where men who are caught in the web of P and M work to free ourselves from this slavery.

Why are you here?

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Posted by Gibor_Kaari - 30 Apr 2020 21:03

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Posted by Gibor_Kaari - 01 May 2020 00:10

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Re: deleted

Posted by lhavestrength - 01 May 2020 03:42

Seems

like there was some nice discussion going on.

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Re: deleted

Posted by Singularity - 01 May 2020 07:52

Darn, with all these deleted posts I'm really regretting I didn't subscribe to this thread

Someone quoted something!

Sometimes things get deleted for good reasons too!!

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